

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert section headings and amend specification paragraphs as follows. (Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121, marked-up versions of the amended specification paragraphs are attached.)

On page amended page 1, after the title, at line 8, please insert the following section heading:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Before the paragraph beginning at amended page 2, line 28, please insert the following section heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at amended page 2, line 28 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In order to accomplish that objective, said engagement portion is positioned in the part of the package which is intended for enveloping the packaged product, and said convex edge is directed inwardly. This makes it possible to realise a seal while using a minimum amount of flexible material. Sufficient flexible material must be present at the location of the engagement portion, however, in order to enable the user to take hold of it with his fingers.

Before the paragraph beginning at amended page 4, line 31, please insert the following section heading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the paragraph beginning at amended page 4, line 35 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a prior art package;

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at amended page 5, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 3 is a perspective view of a prior art package;

[Please replace the paragraph beginning at amended page 5, line 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:]

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Figure 4 is a perspective view of another embodiment of a prior art package;

[Please insert the following new paragraph before the paragraph beginning at amended page 5, line 4:]

Figures 5 and 6 are front views of packages according to the invention; and

[Please replace the paragraph beginning at amended page 5, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:]

Figures 7 – 10 are front views of further embodiments of prior art packages.

Before the paragraph beginning at amended page 5, line 9, please insert the following section heading:

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

IN THE CLAIMS:

Original claims 1-13 were amended during Chapter II proceedings by substituting new claims 1-11 in a letter dated May 21, 2001. Please cancel the original claims 1-13 and cancel amended claims 1-11 and rewrite them as new claims 14-23 as follows:

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14. A package of a flexible material which has been formed into an envelope, which package comprises an access opening, which is closed by means of a seal which has been formed by bonding together two or more contacting layers of the material in a particular area, which package can be opened by pulling apart two bonded-together layers of material in said area, to which end the flexible material is provided with an engagement